

# MA in Psychology with Emphasis in Clinical Psychology

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The Clinical Psychology program is accredited by the American Psychological Association and by the Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System and is a member of the Academy of Psychological Clinical Science. The Clinical program follows a clinical science model of training. Central to this model is a commitment:

1. to using an empirical approach to understand, ameliorate, and prevent human problems in behavior, affect, cognition, and health;
2. to promoting adaptive human functioning; and
3. to disseminating and applying knowledge in ways consistent with scientific evidence.

The Clinical program prepares students for careers involving production, dissemination and support of clinical science research. Clinical faculty and students are active in research and scholarship that advances understanding of the symptoms, causes, course, treatment, and prevention of many of our nation's most distressing and impairing mental/behavioral health issues (e.g. addictions, anxiety, developmental disorders, juvenile delinquency, mood instability and disorders, schizophrenia) in youth and adults.

The MA degree is typically completed as part of a student's normal progress through the doctoral program. Students are accepted into the MA program under the expectation that they will continue to doctoral study in our department. We do not admit students seeking a terminal master's degree in this emphasis area.

## Degree Requirements

The requirements are (1) 30 credit hours, including research credit and the student's distribution courses, (2) a thesis, and (3) a final oral examination on the thesis research. Although only 30 hours are required to earn the master's degree, MA students are expected to successfully complete a subset of courses that will meet the PhD requirements of 9 hours of distribution courses, 11 hours in statistics and 24 hours in the area of concentration.

More detailed information about the rules and regulations for degree completion can be found in the Department of Psychological Sciences Graduate Student Handbook (<https://psychology.missouri.edu/grad/handbooks-and-forms/>).

## Admissions

Please refer to the admission requirements for the MA in Psychology (<https://catalog.missouri.edu/collegeofartsandscience/psychology/ma-psychology/>). Students are accepted for the PhD in Psychology and the MA is earned as a secondary degree en route to the PhD.